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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on October 4, 2005, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. The shortened period for response expired January 4, 2006, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is February 4, 2006. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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